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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 14, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Anthony Ventura pled guilty today in federal court in San Diego to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). Ventura entered his guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Anthony J. Battaglia, subject to final acceptance of the plea by United States District Court Judge Jeffrey T. Miller, at the time of sentencing.

According to court records, Ventura admitted that on or about February 1, 2007, he possessed at least one image on his computer that contained an image of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Sentencing for Ventura, a former United States Border Patrol Agent in the El Centro Sector, is scheduled for September 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Court Judge Jeffrey T. Miller.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue

victims of the exploitation. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit

www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

DEFENDANT   **Case Number: 07cr1429-JM**

ANTHONY VENTURA

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)
Maximum Penalty: 10 years' incarceration and $250,000 fine, and up to life on supervised release.

AGENCIES

Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Imperial Police Department
California Department of Justice
Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General